

Appln No. 10/017,185  
Amendment Dated September 29, 2004  
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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

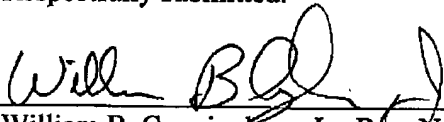
#### *Rejection of Claim 25 Under 35 USC §103*

Applicant acknowledges that claims 26 – 33 have been objected to as being dependent on  
5 a rejected base claim. However, claims 26 – 33 were found to be allowable if rewritten in  
independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has now added the requirements of claim 26 to claim 25. Claim 26 has been  
canceled. It is therefore believed that claim 25 and claims 27 – 33 are now allowable.

In view of the above, reconsideration of and a notice of allowance of claims 12 and 14 –  
10 25 and 27 - 38 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted.

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